

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** Image 2

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1100905.001

**Medium:** Computer Image File Printout

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Commissioner of Police

<b>Classification:</b>	Objectionable.
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**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 30 September 2011

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file printout is deemed objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of children and young people for sexual purposes and the use of violence to compel a person to submit to sexual conduct.

The printout has an explicit sexual image featuring a young girl who is a character in a well-known television cartoon series. She is naked and tied to a post with a large penis hovering over her genitals. The image is a crude and obvious parody, but it nevertheless perpetuates the idea that forced sex involving a young girl is an acceptable subject for entertainment. The availability of such material tends to weaken the social taboos that protect children and young people from abuse and is likely to create or reinforce attitudes that lead to sexual violence or other forms of sexual exploitation.

The classification given to this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the right to freedom of expression and reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.

